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## BEAUTIFUL EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

Gorgeous Floral Decorations and Special Music Are Features.

## ADMIT MANY NEW MEMBERS

Large Number Baptised and Over One Hundred Are Received to Church Membership.

Easter Day was favored by propitious weather and every church in the city was packed to its doors, special services being held in each church. Elaborate preparations had been made in the matter of decorations and special music and everything possible was done to observe the day in the most beautiful and suggestive way. Especially beautiful were the floral decorations with which each place of worship was adorned.

Three services were held in the Episcopal church. The early morning service was held at six o'clock. Special music was one of the features of this service. John Chick, tenor, and Miss Ruth Kelly, soprano, rendered very beautiful solos, while special Easter chants were sung. The two soloists of the early morning service sang at the regular ten o'clock service. Rev. Jackson preached a very powerful Easter sermon. At five o'clock vespers were observed. At every one of these the church was full to overflowing. The chancel was beautifully decorated with flowers. There were twenty-seven voices in the choir.

Communion and baptism were observed at the Presbyterian church with Rev. William Mason conducting the services. An anthem was sung in which solo parts were taken by Superintendent Schultz, tenor, and Miss Olive Smith soprano. The pulpit was massed with flowers and plants. Thirty men, women and children were baptised, while twenty-nine more were taken into membership in the church, making a total of fifty-nine new members. The church was packed to the doors, while there were over twenty-five voices in the choir. Because of the time taken up in baptizing and receiving the new members no sermon was delivered by the pastor. Special music and floral decorations were also the feature of the Easter service at the Methodist church. Thirty-one people were taken into membership into the church and large audiences were present at both morning and evening services.

At the Baptist church two beautiful services were held with the pastor, Rev. J. W. Priest conducting both of them. In the morning two anthems were rendered by the choir. "Why Seek Living Among the Dead?" and "As It Began to Dawn." Solos parts were sung by Mrs. John Becker, Mrs. D. L. Johnson and Mr. D. L. Johnson. In the evening nine children were baptised and one woman received into membership in the church. Several more will be baptised next Sunday.

Rev. P. J. White of Ohio who is conducting revival services at the Church of Christ, delivered the sermon at the Easter service held at that church, Sunday morning. Five were baptised and became members.

Taken altogether over one hundred joined the various churches Sunday, while many times as many are planning to affiliate themselves with some one of the several parishes in the city.

## ALMA VS. HOPE IN DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

Friday evening, April 9th, the affirmative team of the college debaters, composed of Paul Cash, Dick Rockwell and Maurice Cole will meet three representatives of Hope college in the college chapel at 7:30 o'clock.

The question to be debated is—Resolved, That the United States Should Subsidize Her Merchant Marine. A negative team, composed of Robert Notestein, Ward Hodge and Theodore Gates, will go to Olivet and meet the college debaters.

These debates will be lively contests and especially the contest against Hope college here. The Alma boys have worked hard to be in shape for the coming forensic battles and are prepared to give the visitors a hard battle.

Charles Sherman, a former resident of Alma, who lived on the Grafton farm about ten years ago, died at his home in Toledo a short time ago. His daughter, Mrs. Yerrington, was manager of the local office of the American Express Co. for a long time.

## MIDDLETON HOLDS EASTER BANQUET

Over 200 People Attend Annual Event Given by the Christian Church.

## O. L. SMITH IS TOASTMASTER

Fine Addresses by Rev. Kennedy and Rev. McLain, and Excellent Musical Numbers.

The Fourth Annual Easter Banquet of the Christ Church of Middleton was held in Mertz Hall Tuesday evening with over two hundred Middleton people and outsiders around the festal board. It was the biggest and most successful banquet which has ever been held in Middleton, both in points of attendance and in points of enthusiasm and general excellence of program.

At eight o'clock the banqueters took their places at the table with the prosecuting attorney O. L. Smith in the toastmaster's chair. A most beautiful feast had been prepared by the women and was served by the young ladies. After an hour had been spent in enjoying this feast the toastmaster called upon Rev. Joseph L. Kennedy, pastor of the Congregational Church of Carson City, and a graduate of the college last semester. No subject had been assigned to him but he took for his theme "The New Spirit of Christianity". His toast was one of the finest which it has been the opportunity of Middleton people to hear in a long time. Throughout his address the audience was tense with interest and his words made a profound impression. The Christian, he pointed out, is an optimist, but in the happy enjoyment of his Christianity he is no senseless being who overlooks the darker side of life, but he is the man who sees the darker side, appreciates its baleful influence, combats its power and still remains strong in his faith. At the close of his toast his audience showed its appreciation by long continued handclapping.

The second and last speaker was Rev. McLain of Ithaca who took for his subject, "Prophet, Priest and King". His address was a most scholarly effort which will long be remembered by Middleton people. He pointed out that all the attributes, which his subject named, might be applied to Christ. In olden times He was a prophet, today He is the world's Priest and in the after life He is to be our King. He dwelt at length upon the crucifixion and the resurrection, his words being most appropriate for the Easter season.

Fine music had been arranged for by the committee in charge. A mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Giles, Mrs. Renn Smith and E. J. Elliget and sang several selections and were repeatedly called on for encores, while a male quartette composed of E. J. Elliget, C. M. Newton, Ward Hodge and Guy Giles followed with equally fine selections. An orchestra composed of Ward Hodge, 1st violin, Wayne Hudson 2nd violin, Guy Giles clarinet, E. J. Elliget and C. M. Newton cornets, and Mrs. Guy Giles piano player several orchestral pieces which were very much appreciated by the banqueters.

The table decorations were beautiful and the ladies of Middleton who had the banquet in charge are to be congratulated upon the faultless manner in which the Fourth Annual Banquet was carried through.

## INSTALL AN IMPROVED FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

Warning is Now Sounded Direct From Telephone Central, Saving Valuable Seconds.

The electrical department of the Alma Grain and Lumber Co. has installed for the city a new fire signal system which is a great improvement over the old. Under the old system the operator at the telephone office received the call and rang for the driver, Mr. Peck, who sounded the alarm. Now after the central at either of the two telephone offices receives the call she presses a button which, by the new connections rings the fire bell at the City Hall, as well as the smaller gongs in the engine room at the Alma Grain and Lumber Co. and the one which arouses the driver.

Several valuable moments will be saved in the new way and the firemen will be able to reach the scene of the fire sooner than they could formerly. The work of installation was done by Will Medler and Ray Beshegoor.

Bert Eicher, who bought a half interest in the Wright House livery from Wesley Parr last week, purchased the other half-interest the fore part of this week.

## GREAT MEETINGS IN ST. LOUIS

Over 100 have thus far entered the fellowship of the Christian church in St. Louis, in the meetings conducted by the Whistons of Bethany, Neb. The large attendance of men has been one of the main features of the meetings, and many men have crossed the line for Christ. Over 75 have been baptised and the others will be this week. The Whistons conduct their own chorus and do their own special singing. This is their second great meeting in Michigan this year. They added 170 to the Christian Church in Traverse last November. The meetings will continue over next Sunday, probably closing with reception on a 13th.

## LILLIAN LYONS STOCK CO.

The plays which have been given by the Lillian Lyons Stock Company so far this week have been unusually good, though the attendances have been rather light. The audiences have been very well pleased with the performances and interest in them is increasing fast.

Miss Maybelle Fowler is one of the best actresses seen here and her portrayal of Camille is excellent. Thursday evening the company played Amy of the Circus; Friday the company will play the great New York success, The Common Law; Saturday afternoon the matinee will be For a Million, and in the evening The Girl of the Golden West. Mr. Karl Adams, the local manager, is to be congratulated upon securing this company for a week's engagement.

## GLEE CLUB COMPLETES A SUCCESSFUL STATE TOUR

Sing in Thumb Towns, Detroit, Flint and Other Cities Before Large and Appreciative Crowds.

Tuesday morning the Alma College Glee club returned from the most successful annual trip which they have ever taken, having been on a tour of the eastern and southern parts of the state since Friday evening, March 2. Big crowds and enthusiastic audiences greeted them in every city in which they sang, while it is felt by everyone that the college has received some fine advertisement as a result of the tour of the club.

Friday evening they faced a packed house at Caro, the next two evenings were spent at Cass City and during their two performances they sang to over eight hundred people. Bad Axe, Marquette and Yala were their next three stops and most successful performances were given in all three towns. Thursday night the club sang in the Highland Presbyterian church of Detroit to five hundred people, after which they were given a luncheon at Taylor Wolfenden's by the Detroit Alumni Association. At Northville they were greeted by four hundred people and at Lapeer Saturday night the boys took an active part in the local option meetings which were in progress. The singing and readings played an important part in the victory which the dry forces scored in that city.

Monday evening the boys finished their tour in Flint where they sang before four hundred people. At every stop they were given a royal welcome and treated most excellently. They were entertained at the homes of prominent people in every city.

At every city where the club stopped the schools were visited and the boys sang for the benefit of the students. The following clipping is made from the Marquette Leader and is but a fair sample of many others received:

"The Alma Glee Club came, sang and conquered, giving the most enjoyable concert to a capacity house. The club possesses some remarkably fine voices and the solo work of Prof. Veatch, Mr. Austin, Mr. Goodrich and Mr. Dickerson was exceptionally pleasing. Prof. Davis gave a very artistic violin number and Mr. Dickerson a fine piano number. Perhaps the most enjoyable numbers of the club were Schubert's Serenade and the 'up-to-date' grand opera selections which closed the program.

The four rear rows of seats were occupied by Alma graduates and students. A large Alma banner hung over the section. During the 'Alma Song' all stood in honor of their Alma mater."

## FOREIGNER ARRESTED FOR ATTACKING 'PAL'

A foreigner, Jack Toureek by name, was arrested and taken to the jail Monday for being drunk and for disorderly conduct. Following some words with a friend of his he drew a knife and threatened the life of his "pal." Trial will be held Thursday in Ashley.

Mr. Dickinson of Stanton, who is to be in charge of the local plant of the Libby, McNeill & Libby Co., was in the city Saturday and reports that there will be some building done in Alma this summer by his company.

## BRAINERD ELECTED MAYOR MONDAY

Democrats Secure Two City and Several of The Ward Offices.

## ADAMS IS RE-ELECTED CLERK

Murphy Wins Over Montigel for Treasurer. Council to be Strongly Republican.

Party lines were swept aside in the city elections held Monday and several surprises were sprung in the contests for the various city and ward offices. Mayor Cook, republican, who has served the city for one year, was defeated for re-election by Dr. I. N. Brainerd, democrat, by a large majority, while J. M. Montigel, republican, mayor for two years, was defeated for the city treasurership by Charles Murphy, democrat, by a margin of twelve votes. D. W. Adams, republican, was re-elected city clerk defeating Homer Dunham by one hundred and fifty-two votes, the smallest majority Mr. Adams has yet received in annual battle of ballots. By electing Henry Sandell, the Republicans secured the office of justice of the peace. He defeated D. L. Johnson by eighty-one votes.

One Republican and three Democratic supervisors were elected while the Republicans elected four aldermen and the Democrats one. Every newly-elected constable is a Republican.

In Dr. Brainerd Alma will have a mayor of whom she may be proud and the same might be said of all the other city officers selected by the voters. City Clerk Adams' repeated successes every year is plenty proof of his capabilities in this line. The popularity which he enjoys with everyone in Alma and the trust which everyone has in his good judgment and honesty are sufficient proofs that Charles Murphy will be one of Alma's most efficient treasurers.

The voting was much lighter than in previous years and with the exception of the contest for the treasurer, the majorities were large. The following are the results by wards:

**First Ward**  
Mayor—A. P. Cook, R. 74  
I. N. Brainerd, D. 125-51  
Clerk—D. W. Adams, R. 134-70  
H. Dunham, D. 64  
Treasurer—J. M. Montigel, R. 106-16  
Chas. Murphy, D. 90-16  
Justice of Peace—Henry Sandell, R. 114-37  
D. L. Johnson, D. 76-37  
Supervisor—Jesse Fuller, R. 124-51  
John Foster, D. 73  
Alderman (2 years)—John Knoertzer, R. 111-28  
L. N. Baker, D. 83  
Constable—Oscar Vibber, R. 115-37  
John Gungwer, D. 78

**Second Ward**  
Mayor—A. P. Cook, R. 33  
I. N. Brainerd, D. 101-63  
Clerk—D. W. Adams, R. 85-34  
H. Dunham, D. 51  
Treasurer—J. M. Montigel, R. 68  
Chas. Murphy, D. 68  
Justice of Peace—Henry Sandell, R. 35-29  
D. L. Johnson, D. 56  
Supervisor—V. H. Shepherd, R. 47  
I. Russell, D. 89-42  
Alderman—Bert Eckert, R. 81-28  
T. A. Johnson, D. 53  
Constable—Geo. Willard, R. 83

**Third Ward**  
Mayor—A. P. Cook, R. 44  
I. N. Brainerd, D. 53-9  
Clerk—D. W. Adams, R. 58-19  
H. Dunham, D. 39  
Treasurer—J. M. Montigel, R. 52-7  
Chas. Murphy, D. 45  
Justice of Peace—Henry Sandell, R. 51-8  
D. L. Johnson, D. 43  
Supervisor—Geo. Parsons, R. 42  
John Sullivan, D. 55-13  
Alderman—C. O. Ward, R. 59-22  
Will Beverly, D. 37  
Constable—Geo. Brown, R. 55-13  
Ezra Robinson, D. 42

**Fourth Ward**  
Mayor—A. P. Cook, R. 56

I. N. Brainerd, D. 89-33  
Clerk—D. W. Adams, R. 85-29  
H. Dunham, D. 56  
Treasurer—J. M. Montigel, R. 54  
Chas. Murphy, D. 89-35  
Justice of Peace—Henry Sandell, R. 72-7  
D. L. Johnson, D. 65  
Supervisor—R. J. Fraker, R. 37  
Jake Helman, D. 105-68  
Alderman—Fred Slater, R. 60  
Ed. Lake, D. 82-22  
Constable—Frank Bennett, R. 78-18  
Joseph Henderson, D. 60

**SUMMARY**  
Mayor—A. P. Cook, R. 212  
I. N. Brainerd, D. 368-156  
Clerk—D. W. Adams, R. 362-152  
H. Dunham, D. 210  
Treasurer—J. M. Montigel, R. 280  
Chas. Murphy, D. 292-12  
Justice of Peace—Henry Sandell, R. 324-81  
D. L. Johnson, D. 243

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## ELM HALL MAN NEARLY MURDERED SUNDAY NIGHT

Henry Fitzgerald Brutally Beaten and Left for Dead. Assaultant as Yet Unknown.

Last Sunday night about 10:30 o'clock, unknown parties called at the home of Henry Fitzgerald, an old pensioner, living alone about one-half mile west of Blair's store, Elm Hall, and called Mr. Fitzgerald to the road in front of his house where he was brutally assaulted and apparently left to die by his assailant. The motive of this attack was undoubtedly robbery, as a trunk in which Mr. Fitzgerald kept his papers, etc., was taken from the house.

About 7:30 o'clock Monday morning the attention of Mr. Charles Smith, a neighbor, was called by a broken lantern, a stocking leg cap worn by Mr. Fitzgerald and a pool of blood at the roadside in front of Mr. Fitzgerald's house. Mr. Smith immediately called another neighbor and together they entered the house where they discovered Mr. Fitzgerald in his bed room in an unconscious state; to which place he had either been carried by his assailant or dragged himself after partially regaining consciousness. Mr. Fitzgerald was removed to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Wiles, and Dr. Graham was called to dress his wounds. Owing to the rain during the night any track of the assailant which might furnish a clue was obliterated and while the officers were on the ground a short time after the call had been turned in, they were unable up to a late hour Monday night to find anything which would lead to the apprehension of the guilty party.

A fire wall runs up through the building, on the first floor, separating the stores occupied by M. Messinger and D. W. Robinson. The automatic closing doors have been installed. These are released and close automatically when the heat becomes great enough to melt the lead. The halls will be the same dimension as formerly though there will be one more leading to the offices which have been built where the Knights of Pythias formerly had their hall. It will be 50 feet long by eight feet wide. Two fine new window seats have been built in Dr. Gardner's office suite and a rest room will be fitted up. A private toilet has also been installed.

## NOTED BIRD AUTHORITY TO LECTURE WEDNESDAY

Lecturer-Author-Impersonator Will Speak at Alma High School Wednesday, April 14.

Mr. Henry Oldys, of Washington, D. C., has had a long experience in the study of birds and bird music, and in behalf of bird protection. He is known through both his lectures and his articles in the Atlantic, Independent, Harper's, Lippincott's and The Auk.

"Mr. Oldys charmed an audience which filled the house, with his realistic imitations of bird songs."—River-side, Calif.

"One of the most beautiful and interesting lectures of the season."—Jacksonville, Fla.

"A marvelous imitator of bird notes." The whistled reproductions were marvelously perfect."—Brooklyn (N. Y.) Eagle.

"It was a revelation to most of his auditors to hear demonstrated in your lecture, as a result of your study, that the songs of birds and the songs of men in their less complex stages of civilization, are akin, and part and parcel of the same natural music, that the music of men is not artificial or invented, but a natural production on the fundamental principles that govern bird music."—Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

This lecture on Birds will be given under the auspices of the Alma Bird Club, Wednesday evening, April 14, at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium. This is a rare opportunity to hear a high-priced lecture for a nominal admission of 15 cents and 10 cents.

An opportunity will be given for all who are interested in bird protection and bird life to become members of the club and thus help on the work in our own town and surrounding country.

## POLLASKY BLOCK NEAR COMPLETION

Four Months' Job to be Completed May 1—To be Occupied Sooner.

## REPAIRS AMOUNT TO \$13,000

Block Destroyed by January Fire to be Among the Finest in Central Part of the State.

By the end of this month the rebuilt Pollasky Block will be entirely finished and will be ready for occupancy. Already the Union Telephone office have been moved to its old quarters and the switchboard placed. On the sixteenth of January immediately following the fire which nearly destroyed the building entirely work was commenced under the direction of Henry Soule who drew up the plans. Between twenty and fifty men have been employed all the time and the repairs have entailed an expenditure of over \$15,000.

There will be no lodge halls in the new block but all of the rooms will be given over to business offices. Practically all of the old tenants will return, among them being the Union Telephone Co., Dr. Gardner, Dr. Gill, Charles Goggin, attorney, John Spinney, attorney, Campbell & Doane, real estate dealers, and possibly, E. M. Wood, architect. There will be just twenty more office rooms than there were before the fire. Mr. Goggin will have a suite of three rooms instead of two, Dr. Gill and Mr. Spinney one more each, while the suite occupied by Dr. Gardner has been radically changed.

The city office plan has been followed out, with an outer and inner office instead of simply one office room. The building is finished in birch with a mahogany stain. Moss glass windows, 54 inches high, and the same distance from the floor, have been set in the walls of the halls, making a total of 1500 feet of this sort of glass used for this purpose.

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The toilet rooms will have tile floors. The block as rebuilt will be much lighter than the old one was. Three new skylights have been built and several new windows will allow much more light in.

All of the offices have been equipped with electricity and most of them with gas while gas connections have been made for all the offices. The same heating system will be used. A new gravel roof was laid.

The amount which has been expended on labor will amount to approximately \$5,000, and when the block is completed Alma can boast the most up-to-date and modern block in Central Michigan. Mr. Pollasky is to be congratulated upon his fine new block which would be a credit to a good-sized city.

## ELWELL ROBBERY PRINCIPAL CAUGHT

Cyrus Writtenhouse, who stole an overcoat and some money from Marvin Wynne of Elwell, has been caught by the authorities in Benton Harbor. Deputy Sheriff William Hutchinson has left for Benton Harbor and will return with the criminal for trial.

## Papworth Y. M. C. A. President.

Alfred G. Papworth, a junior at college and one of the most influential men in school was elected president of the Y. M. C. A. at a meeting of the student body held in the college chapel Wednesday morning. The selection of Mr. Papworth to head one of the most important organizations in college is a high compliment to the fine character of the young man. He hails from Howell, Michigan. Stephen Nisbit of Twining, Michigan, was elected vice-president and Robert McAllister of Oak Park, Illinois, was elected secretary and treasurer.

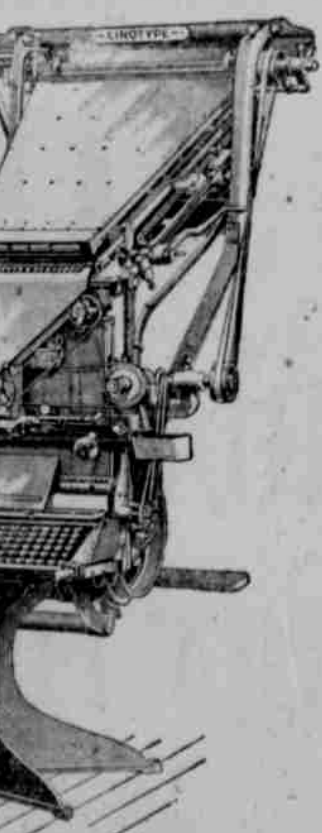
Mrs. Perly Mallory of Seville Center spent Thursday and Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Del Perry returning home Saturday morning.

## THE RECORD NOW EQUIPPED WITH LATEST MODEL LINOTYPE

Best Machine Purchaseable Provides for Composition of Newspaper and Big Variety of Job and Commercial Printing.

The Alma Record office is now equipped with the best linotype machine which can be purchased. Tuesday evening J. B. Ball of Chicago with his helpers finished setting up the new Model "K" Mergenthaler linotype machine and on Wednesday morning an experienced operator, Clifford Webb, commenced to make the type for this week's issue of the Record. Much of the work on the advertising this week has also been done with the new machine.

The linotype machine with which the



Record is now equipped is the latest and best model on the market today. It is almost identically the same machine which is used by all the big city dailies, the Record operator being able to make any sort of type that is used by the big metropolitan dailies. Book work of any character can be done and the most satisfactory jobs can be assured. The metal is to be heated by gas while the motive force will be electricity. So delicate and nicely adjusted are the parts that only one-third of one horse power is required to

make three hundred different faces of type, giving it a wide capacity for all sorts of job work. After the type is once used it is melted up again so that a fresh, clean face or surface is always assured, making the paper easy to read.

The Record now extends an invitation to one and all of its big family to drop into its office on South State St. and look over the machine and watch it operated by Mr. Webb. A hearty welcome will be given to each and all the visitors.